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May 9, 2007
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

Glen Frost opened the meeting with introductions. MCA pointed out the anti-trust policy on page two of the meeting notice, and reminded members to read and abide by the policy.

MDT NEW BUSINESS

1. Summary of Specification Revisions. MDT advised that numerous proposed revisions were in the process. Copies of the revisions were handed out at the meeting. MCA asked for clarification on the proposed revision to 618.03.7 Crossing, Entering, and Using Roadways. MDT advised the Contractor needs to submit a traffic control plan for approval by the EPM as stated in 618.03.2. MCA also had questions regarding the proposed changes to the 603-X Standard Special Provisions for High and Low Sulfate Soils. MDT will research and provide an update at the next meeting.

2. MPDES Permit Application. MDT handed out copies of the new Authorization to Discharge Under the MPDES Special Provision and copies of DEQ's brochure on *Storm Water Requirements for Construction Activity*. MDT asked if training for Contractors on the new permit process would be beneficial. MCA thought it would be a good idea. MDT will work with DEQ to set up training.

3. Lump Sum Traffic Control. It was agreed additional representatives from MDT needed to be present to address this issue.

4. Supplemental Detailed Drawings. MDT explained the proposed new process for handling small changes or errata changes to the Detailed Drawings. These proposed changes would be included in the Supplemental Specification Process and approved changes would be included in the Detailed Drawings Table in the plans package. MDT will provide an example for MCA to review.

5. Materials Issues. MDT proposed the possibility of eliminating Form 407. MDT brought up the issues with mix designs and explained that some changes will be coming. Any input from MCA would be appreciated. CTB will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS FROM MCA

1. Flexible Delineators. MCA asked for clarification on what is wanted, flat versus round delineators. MDT will look into it and provide feedback.

2. Type 9 Sheeting for construction signs. MCA advised that 3M is discontinuing Type 9 Sheeting; they are changing to a new type. MDT will look into the specification and see if a revision needs to be made.

3. Traffic Control. MCA expressed concern over 618.03.7.C. regarding payment for flagging at material or plant sites.

4. Asphalt Price Adjustment. This topic was discussed briefly. MCA will bring this topic up at the afternoon meeting with the Director, Deputy Director, and Chief Engineer.

5. Utility Issues. MCA expressed concern over utility relocations for projects. It was determined the utility task force should be started again to attempt to resolve some of the issues.

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AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Mobilization.** The special provision placing a cap on the percent that can be bid for mobilization is on hold.
- 2. Micro-Deval.** MDT explained the proposed process for using the Micro-deval test and then using sulfate soundness when the Micro-deval results fall into a questionable range. Micro-deval is the preferred test and solves two main problems; the repeatability and the turn-around time. A draft specification will be written and distributed for comment.
- 3. Submission of Bid Documentation.** MDT explained the new special provision for Submission of Bid Documentation. MCA expressed concern over the turn around time for submitting the documentation from 7 days to 3 days.
- 4. Grade S RAP Specification.** MDT is still working on the specification.
- 5. Buy America.** A draft specification revision will be distributed for comment.

Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:00.

The next meeting will be June 13, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the MCA Office.